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SUBJECT: MEETING OF NEA RADIATION PROTECTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: THE FORMER HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE OF OECD  
NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY HELD FIRST MEETING 29-30 MARCH UNDER NEW  
NAME. COMMITTEE TOOK SEVERAL POSITIVE ACTIONS CONCERNING PROGRAM  
WASTE DISPOSAL AND HEART PACEMAKERS. END SUMMARY

2. AD- HOC PROGRAM GROUP. COMMITTEE CREATED AN AD HOC GROUP TO  
PROPOSE FUTURE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE REVISED MANDATE GIVEN IN  
NE(73)1, AGENCY'S PROGRAM AND PRIORITIES DOCUMENT. GROUP CON-  
SISTS OF CHAIRMAN ( LINDELL, SWEDEN); 2 VICE- CHAIRMEN ( PORTUGAL,  
BELGIUM); UK, FRENCH, GERMAN, AND JAPANESE REPS. REPORT BY THE  
GROUP TO BE GIVEN AT NEXT REGULAR MEETING. AN ITEM IN AD HOC  
GROUP MANDATE IS TO SPECIFICALLY DEFINE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY  
VIS A VIS A VIS THE NEW COMMITTEE ON THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR  
INSTALLATIONS ( CSNI). HEALTH COMMITTEE BELIEVES IT IS THEIR  
FUNCTION TO DEFINE ACCEPTABLE RADIOACTIVE DOSE  
LIMITS TO MAN AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THEY BELIEVE CSNI  
ROLE IS TO DESIGN AND ENGINEER TO MEET THOSE LIMITS.

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3. RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CREATED A SPECIALIST GROUP ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AS PROPOSED BY SEN/ SAN (73)4. A MEETING IS PLANNED FOR JUNE TO OUTLINE A PROGRAM FMR PRESENTATION TO THE FULL COMMITTEE. MEMBERSHIP IN THE GROUP IS OPEN TO INTERESTED COUNTRIES.

4. SEA DISPOSAL OPERATION COMMITTEE - OUTLINED A STATEMENT RE PROPOSED SEA DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC THIS SUMMER. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE PROPOSED OPERATION BY THE U . K., BELGIUM, AND NETHERLANDS ( SEE SEN/ AT (73)2 AND SEN/ SAN (73)6) WAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM PRIOR OPERATIONS SANCTIONED BY NEA AND DID NOT INVOLVE A GREATER QUANTITY OF WASTE. THIS 1973 DUMPING OPERATION WOULD CONFORM TO THE SPIRIT AND INTENTION OF THE LONDON AND OSLO CONVENTIONS ON PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION. ABOVE OPINIONS TO BE GIVEN AT MAY 3 MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE.

NOTE- U. K. REP STATED THAT IN EVENT NEA REFUSED TO SPONSOR OPERATIONS, HE WOULD MAKE STRONGEST POSSIBLE PITCH TO U. K. GOVERNMENT TO PROCEED ANYWAY.

5. RADIOISOTOPIC HEART PACEMAKERS - ORAL REPORT OF 27-28 MARCH SPECIALIST GROUP INCLUDED SOME REVISIONS TO DRAFT DOCUMENT ON DESIGN OF PACEMAKER. CHANGES MADE IN SECTIONS ON CORROSION TESTS AND IN AUTHORIZING REGULATIONS. NEW DRAFT DUE OUT END OF APRIL.

NOTE- WALLAUSCHEK, NEA, SUGGESTS THAT R. CUNNINGHAM, USAEC WAIT FOR COPY OF NEW DRAFT BEFORE SENDING BACK COMMENTS TO NEA. WALLAUSCHEK HOPES AEC COMMENTS NOT SO EXTENSIVE THAT ADDITIONAL SPECIALIST MEETING NECESSARY TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES.

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